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## THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York Saturday Government bonds were quoted at 120% for 4s of 1897; 112% for 4s; sterling, \$120 4s 80; 100 for 3s; silver bars; 100.

Silver in London, 50 15-161; consols, 101 45-661; 100 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105, 44, 123 1/2, 115%.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted \$84 1/2-85 cents.

Mining stocks were again dull and weak in San Francisco yesterday morning. The market and California and Virginia stock sold at 90, a decline of 20c from the first sale on Thursday. Bodie continues in the ascendant with fair activity.

The National Democratic Committee has issued a congratulatory address "to the people of the United States."

Blaine was received with great enthusiasm at the San Francisco station. Further returns from the recent elections in Ohio and West Virginia are given this morning. J. J. Allen, on trial for murder at Eureka, Nev., has been declared not guilty.

Violent Livingston, recently from San Francisco, committed suicide in a house of ill-fame at Butte, Mont.

The taxation in San Luis Obispo county is 18% this year to one and fifty-five hundred dollars.

A fire in New York yesterday caused a loss of \$20,000.

The iron steamship Atchica, cotton laden, took fire yesterday afternoon in Galveston harbor, and at last accounts was still burning.

A serious explosion occurred in county, West Virginia, Saturday, destroying a sawmill, killing two men and wounding five others.

Vanderbilt has given \$500,000 to the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A serious railroad accident occurred Saturday morning near Greenacres, Ind.

At Sparta, Tenn., Saturday, Thomas Swafford shot and killed his master, Mathison.

The centenary of the Mass. Monteiro is being celebrated by the Hebrews.

General Sheridan is acting as Secretary of War during the absence of Secretary Lincoln.

Michael Gorman, the policeman, wounded in Tuesday's shots at Cincinnati, died Saturday.

A 15-year-old boy has been arrested in St. Louis.

Fire in Edgefield, Ga., loss, \$10,000.

Four fifth of the business part of the town of Barnesville, Ga., burned Friday.

An eleven-round prize fight took place at Denver, Col., Saturday.

The new Bennett-Mackay cable was successfully landed Saturday at Coney Island, N. Y.

The California Pacific railway is making extensive purchases of steel rails at Scranton, Pa.

Six officers of the army were executed Saturday at St. Petersburg for nihilism; also two women.

Russia has decided to strengthen her fleet in the Pacific.

England will expend \$1,000,000 on the fortification of the Suez and Hongkong.

A racing horse suffered a boy to death at Ogden, Utah, Friday evening.

The Prohibitionists of Los Angeles have nominated a full county ticket.

A son of Senator Corbett, of Oregon, died suddenly at Santa Barbara Friday.

Fire at Tarentum, Pa., loss, \$8,000.

Damaging floods have occurred on the island of Crete.

The Liberals achieved a victory in the Belgian elections.

In a disturbance at a colored church festival in Washington, Pa., Saturday night, two men were shot.

Mrs. Lockwood, the Equal Rights candidate for Senator, addressed an audience last night in New York.

A large fire occurred last night in Moscow, Russia.

Two highwaysmen robbed a stage near Bumble Bee station, A. T., Saturday night, taking the express box.

## AN EXPOSE.

In another column will be found a local article on the school-book constitutional amendment, expository of the methods employed by Eastern publishing houses to thwart the will of the people, and to force upon them school-books, whether they wish them or not. In brief, it recounts the existence of a syndicate or ring of powerful publishing houses, which have entered into a compact under heavy penalties not to labor for the displacement of any school-book now in use, notwithstanding that a new competitor may, in every way be desirable. It exposes schemes to prevent the adoption by School Boards of books they may judge to be the best, and this is sufficient to put the seal of condemnation upon the whole business. The article standing alone should convince every intelligent voter that the time has come to cut loose from the corrupting influences of the school-book publishing houses, and to vote for the constitutional amendment providing that California shall secure such text matter as a competent board may fix upon, and print her own school-books.

## SINGULAR DELUSION.

Some of the Democratic organs still labor under the delusion that Tuesday's election in Ohio was a Democratic victory. This conclusion is reached because some newspapers claimed the State in the October election for the Republican party by 20,000, while, in fact, it elected the chief officer upon the ticket—Supreme Judge—by about 19,000; its Congressmen by 18,000, and its Secretary of State by 11,000 majority, and its Secretary of State by 11,000 majority, against whom there was special opposition, because he was one of the opponents in Court against the Scott liquor law last year. It is history that the Republican authorities in Ohio never placed their estimated majority in October at over 11,000, and in the highest estimate at not over 15,000. It is one of the especial privileges of drowning men to catch at straws, and on this basis alone can excuse be found for the Democracy, since they had the effrontry all through September to loudly claim that Ohio would go Democratic in October.

The Conservative leaders in England have voted to reject the redistribution scheme, to maintain their opposition to the franchise bill, and to force a dissolution of Parliament. That they will fail in each of the numbers of the programme seems to be indicated by every feature of the present political situation in the British Isles.

Barnum, the Democratic manager, has issued an "Address to the people," in which he claims for Cleveland and Hendricks a majority in Ohio in November. This is a little the boldest game of bluff yet played, and is a neat attempt to revive his party after the paralysis that struck it on Tuesday last.

Blaine's statement regarding the change of Knownothingism effectually disposes of that of the enemy. General Fremont bears testimony to the truth of the refutation, and the files of Mr. Blaine's paper support his statement in every detail. But how about Governor Cleveland? He certainly did vote for Knownothing men and measures.

The Democrats of Maine circulated 40,000 copies of Carl Schurz's speech in that State just before the recent election. Which accounts, in part, for the increased Republican majority.

## AN EXPOSE.

## HOW THE PEOPLE ARE SWINDLED BY PUBLISHERS.

## THE FARCE OF "OPEN COMPETITION"—STARTING DISCLOSURES—SOME FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.

The RECORD-UNION has charged in the matter of selecting Eastern school books there is no such thing as "open competition." That a few months ago there may have been competition arising out of a rivalry among publishers that was possibly injurious to them and sheared all hands of fair profits, while it resulted in fraud and corruption. While this existed they sent men and money to this coast, bought up public influences, corrupted educators, bribed officials and in various ways operated to force books upon the people against their will.

BUT THE TIME IS COMING.

When this system of corruption grew too expensive and dangerous; too many men were aware of the methods employed, and we have said, the competition became so bitter and the cost so high to reduce book publishing to a minimum profit. At that point the proposed amendment to the Constitution of California began to be discussed, by which the State would print her own school books and sell them to the people at cost. This was alarming to the Eastern publishers, and they set to work to fight the amendment.

It is somewhat remarkable that just about this time a large number of teachers came out in opposition to the amendment. They came out in opposition to the amendment, still more than that, in a annual association meeting they passed "a whole yard long" of resolutions directed against the amendment. If the publishers had paid out more in contributions against the effort of California to get out of the ring, they could not have secured a

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